

2nd March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Sixth Form Futures Education**

As part of the Year 12 Futures programme, your child has two important visits before the Easter break. Both visits are a crucial part of their careers-based education, which will support them in making decisions about what pathway to take following sixth form.

On Tuesday 17th March we will be taking your child to the Careers and Apprenticeship Show at the Bournemouth International Centre between 9.45am and midday. If your child is thinking of applying for an apprenticeship following sixth form, I strongly recommend they attend the Careers and Apprenticeship Show as there will be a wealth of local employers with stalls providing information about the employment and apprenticeship opportunities they offer.

On Friday 27th March between 8.30am-3.30pm, all Year 12s will be taken to both Southampton University and Southampton Solent University. This visit will provide students with a chance to compare two contrasting higher education institutions. [Southampton University](#) is a Russell Group University which typically requires the highest A-Level grades. [Southampton Solent](#) also runs a wide variety of degree courses which are more industry based with grade requirements that are broader. All students in year 12 will attend this visit to learn about the different degree offers and the higher degree apprenticeships on offer. I recommend that you and your child have a look at the university websites before the visit.

When in Southampton students can take their own packed lunch or there will be an opportunity to purchase some food at Southampton Solent University. If your child receives lunch from the academy we will ensure that this is prepared for them to take on the visit.

As part of your child's education, both of these visits are financially subsidised by the universities and by Magna Academy. Our strong provision and support for our sixth form students with their careers was noted by Ofsted in March 2023, 'students in the sixth form get expert advice to help them decide on the most suitable next steps for them.' We see these visits as an important part of Year 12s' careers education to be fully informed of options to support decision making.

Please note that this letter is for your information only as we have gathered consent for trips and visits at the start of the academic year. If you wish to change consent for this specific trip, please contact me directly.



**Please find some further links with information that you may find useful in supporting your child with important post-sixth form career decisions.**

[Infinity, Choices and Beyond](#) - guide is perfect for parents who want to know more about university in general, and how to support their children in the transition into Higher Education.

[UCAS Undergraduate: Advice for Parents and Guardians](#) - resources and information dedicated to helping parents and guardians support students applying to university.

[Uni Taster Days](#) - a website full of advice about going to university and support in choosing courses.

[Apprenticeships: A guide for parents and carers](#)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any of the above  
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Yours sincerely,



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